

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ An assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising:

a first tube having a length adapted to ~~[[the]]~~ a distance from ~~[[the]]~~ an outer wall of the patient's abdomen to ~~[[the]]~~ a sacrum, which first tube is provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from ~~[[the]]~~ a distal to the proximal end thereof;~~[[,]]~~

a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals ~~[[the]]~~ a length of the first tube, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end;~~[[,]]~~ and

at least one ~~attachment~~ means for attachment provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of ~~connection~~ means for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, ~~such as one or more threads,~~ wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod

and the proximal end of the ~~attachment~~ means for attachment are formed for functional mutual engagement,

wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube,

the second tube or rod extends into the first tube and at least a part of the means for connection is attached to the means for attachment and situated within the first tube,

the part of the means for connection is situated between the first and the second tube or rod,

the distal end of the second tube or rod is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an accommodation space for said part of the means for connection,

at least a part of the means for connection is attached to the means for attachment and is situated around the distal end of the second tube or rod, and

a mat is wrapped around the second tube or rod.

55. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod can be rotatably accommodated in the first tube.

56. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the ~~attachment~~ means for attachment is a bone screw.

57. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 55, wherein the proximal end of the second tube or rod is provided with means for rotation of the second tube or rod.

58. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 57, wherein the means for rotation ~~means comprise~~ comprises an arm that is transverse to the second tube or rod.

59. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod is formed for fittingly, holding the proximal end of the means for attachment ~~means~~.

60. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 59, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end.

61-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim ~~[[62]]~~ 54, wherein the second tube or rod has an internal cavity, which is at least formed at the distal end, and wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod forms an accommodation space for the proximal end of the ~~attachment~~ means for attachment and is provided with a passage to the side,

wherein an end portion of the said part of the ~~connection~~ means for connection, ~~such as a thread~~, extends through the passage.

65. (Cancelled)

66. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim [[61]] 54, wherein the said part of the ~~connection~~ means for connection comprises a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth.

67. (Cancelled)

68. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~attachment~~ means for attachment has a diameter that at least almost corresponds to the diameter of the first passage.

69. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the second tube or rod at the proximal end is provided with ~~gauge~~ means for gauging related to the sliding of the second tube or rod in the first tube corresponding to [[the]] an attachment length of the distal end of the ~~attachment~~ means for attachment.

70. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the distal end of the first tube is provided with a serrated edge.

71. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the first tube is provided with a handle near the proximal end.

72. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the ~~connection~~ means for connection comprises at least one of:

one or more threads that are attached to the attachment means, or ~~and/or comprise~~

a mat of material enabling bodily tissue ingrowth, ~~which mat preferably can be attached to threads.~~

73. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, further comprising a laparoscope.

74. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 54, sterilely accommodated in a hermetically closed packaging.

75. (Currently Amended) ~~Assembly~~ The assembly according to claim 74, further comprising a viewing screen that is functionally connected to the laparoscope.

76-113. (Cancelled)

114. (New) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the means for connection comprise one or more threads.

115. (New) The assembly according to claim 72, wherein the mat of material is attached to threads.

116. (New) The assembly according to claim 54, wherein the means for connection is completely positioned within the first tube.

117. (New) An assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising:

a first tube having a length adapted to a distance from an outer wall of the patient's abdomen to a sacrum, which first tube is provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from a distal to the proximal end thereof;

a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals a length of the first tube, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end; and

at least one attachment device provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of a connector to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the proximal end of the attachment device are formed for functional mutual engagement,

wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube,

the second tube or rod extends into the first tube and at least a part of the connector is attached to the attachment device and situated within the first tube,

the part of the connector is situated between the first and the second tube or rod,

the distal end of the second tube or rod is narrowed for together with the first tube forming an accommodation space for said part of the means for connection,

at least a part of the connector is attached to the attachment device and is situated around the distal end of the second tube or rod, and

a mat is wrapped around the second tube or rod.

118. (New) The assembly according to claim 117, wherein the connector is completely positioned within the first tube.